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Choice Poetry.

THE WORLD HARVEST.

BY EDITH OAKLY.

They are sowing their seed in the dewy light,
They are sowing their seed in the noonday's glare;
They are sowing their seed in the cold twilight,
They are sowing their seed in the solemn night.
What shall the harvest be?

They are sowing their seed of pleasant thought,
In the Spring's green light they have blithely wrought;
They have brought their flowers from weed and dell,
Where the autumn creeps, and the flower-buds swell.
Rare shall the harvest be.

They are sowing their seed of word and deed,
Which the cold know not, nor the careless heed;
With the gentle word and the kindly thought,
They have blessed the heart with sunny thought.
Sweet will the harvest be.

And some are sowing the seed of pain,
Of late Remorse and a maddened brain;
And the tares shall fall, and the sun shall wane,
Ere they cast the weeds from their soul again.
Dark will the harvest be.

And some are standing with idle hand,
Yet they scatter seed on their native land;
And some are sowing the seed of sere,
Which thorn and heth-bevon, and cull scare bear.
Sad will the harvest be.

They are sowing their seed of noble deed,
With a deepest watch and an earnest heed;
With a conscious hand o'er the earth they sow,
And the fields are whitening where'er they go.
Rich will the harvest be.

Sown in darkness, or sown in light,
Sown in weakness, or sown in might,
Sown in meekness, or sown in wrath,
In the broad world-field or the shadowy path—
Sow will the harvest be.

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Pictures of Life.

THE TEMPTATION.

FROM CHAMBERS'S PRIZE FOR THE PEOPLE.

CHAPTER I.

The moon was shining brightly over the beautiful vale of Taunton, and the simple inhabitants of the neighboring cottages were sleeping soundly in their beds, when young Vincent Holloway crept out of his. He had on neither hat nor shoes; he had lain down in his clothes, in order to deceive the vigilance of his father—a substantial farmer, but a severe man, and a rigid religionist, who made it a rule never to rest his own head on the pillow, till he had seen his son's disposed of in the same way. For, as he said, "he knew what lads were, and how ready they are to get into mischief; and these was nothing like looking well after them!"

When his less stout friends laughed, and told him that youth would be youth in spite of him, and that, do what he would, Vincent would be like other young men by and by, he answered by quoting Solomon's proverb of "Train up a child in the way it should go;" and declaring that if his son did go wrong, it should not be through any neglect of his. Come what might, hereafter, he would have nothing to reproach him for, in consequence of this determination. Vincent, though now nearly two-and-twenty years of age, was permitted to attend neither fair nor market, neither junketings nor cricket-matches—and though he had had a good education, was seldom allowed anything to read except Bunyan and the Bible, and the "Whole Duty of Man." Under these circumstances, it was impossible to enjoy the intimacy of any of the young people of the village; for during the daytime he was kept pretty closely employed in the superintendence of his father's farm, and when work was done, he was expected to be present at supper and prayers—whilst, on Sundays, church and his religious studies and examinations occupied every hour of the day. It may be presumed, therefore, that Vincent's life was not a very cheerful one, nor is it at all surprising that he should rebel in spirit against this rigid domination. Matters would have done more—broken out into open mutiny, or become a hypocrite, and caught connection in secret dissipations. But though Vincent often writhed and fretted, his temperament was not sufficiently excitable to drive him easily into either of these extremities. Added to which, he was a youth of ingenuous, and about greatly in awe of his father, upon whom it was not easy to defy. His love for him it also helped to keep him in the straight but narrow path he was condemned to—an indulgent, gentle woman, adoring her son, and fearing her husband; and who always entreated him, for her sake as well as his own, to yield to an authority she would have thought it both sinful and impossible to resist.

The only friend Vincent had was Jos Jobb, the son of the blacksmith of the village, whom Jacob at the commencement of his acquaintance with him, had forbidden to associate with his son, but whom, finding him a lad of good principles, he had encouraged to be much in his company, in the hope that his influence might be beneficial to Vincent. Jos was a year or two older than his friend, and had been apprenticed to his father, but he was of a roving disposition, and had already run away from home several times in the course of the day, and where he generally contrived to amuse himself with a little poaching, and hour of those sports and pastimes he was not allowed to partake of. It unfortunately happened that Jos was not the best companion for him in the world; but, in the first place, he had no choice, and, in the second, he had necessarily little discernment. He knew that his father did not like Jos; but who did he like that was not at odds and right at himself?—His reputation, in his son's opinion, proved nothing against Jos—it only put Vincent on his guard to control their intimacy.

When Jacob Holloway was in sight, Vincent greeted the large with a cold and of recognition; and though many a look and sign was given, and laughing there, nobody would have "told tales of the poor but whose father trusted him so humbly."

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It was quite a new sensation to Vincent when Jo Arnold his sweet heart began to stir whenever he caught sight of Bessy's little figure, and the blood rushed through his veins like whalers if, in binding up the sheaves, their fingers came in contact.

Then Bessy would blush, and withdraw her little hand; and when she gave him one of her roguish smiles—for she was a merry creature—her truth shone like Oriental pearls. Often when Vincent went home he did not know whether he was walking on his head or his heels; and, instead of sleeping all night till his father roused him from his bed-time bed. In the meantime, he lay awake in a sort of ecstasy through the cold hours, and delighted the old man by hastening to the field with the earliest dawn of light, or that, Jacob observed, is the place to him that Vincent was getting to be an industrious lad, and to like his work.

It was about three weeks after this harvest-home, when the bright September moon was shining in the clear heavens, that Vincent crept out of bed, as we have said above, and, after lifting a corner of the white muslin curtain that shaded the lattice, either to take a peep at the night, or to see if the coast was clear, advanced on tip-toe to the door of his room, and gently opened it. It was unfortunately creaky, for it would scarcely, although he had had a good education, was seldom allowed anything to read except Bunyan and the Bible, and the "Whole Duty of Man." Under these circumstances, it was impossible to enjoy the intimacy of any of the young people of the village; for during the daytime he was kept pretty closely employed in the superintendence of his father's farm, and when work was done, he was expected to be present at supper and prayers—whilst, on Sundays, church and his religious studies and examinations occupied every hour of the day. It may be presumed, therefore, that Vincent's life was not a very cheerful one, nor is it at all surprising that he should rebel in spirit against this rigid domination. Matters would have done more—broken out into open mutiny, or become a hypocrite, and caught connection in secret dissipations. But though Vincent often writhed and fretted, his temperament was not sufficiently excitable to drive him easily into either of these extremities. Added to which, he was a youth of ingenuous, and about greatly in awe of his father, upon whom it was not easy to defy. His love for him it also helped to keep him in the straight but narrow path he was condemned to—an indulgent, gentle woman, adoring her son, and fearing her husband; and who always entreated him, for her sake as well as his own, to yield to an authority she would have thought it both sinful and impossible to resist.

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CHAPTER II.

The month of September was come, and the evenings were getting dark and chill. Elizabeth Moss and her elder daughter were sitting in the dusk, with no other light but what gleamed up faintly from the bit of fire on the hearth. Presently Bessy said to say: "Oh, mother, let's get a light; it's so ranging to sit in the dark so!" But Bessy did not mind ranging now; she no longer thought of doing anything, but stood looking out with a vacant gaze; and she could sit still with her hands before her an hour at a time without stirring or speaking. The mother was as silent as the daughter—she never uttered a word. By and by, Nancy, who had been going in and out with the restlessness of childhood—for she was little more than twelve years of age—came running in with a letter, which a neighbor, who had been to Taunton market, had just brought.

"John Stokes says that he saw Uncle Philpots at the market, mother, and that he's a-coming over here to see us."

"Did he say so?" said Bessy.

"He told John Stokes so," answered Nancy. "I'm so glad! I wonder if Aunt Philpots 'll come too?"

"When's he coming?" inquired Mrs. Moss.

"I believe to-morrow; but he did not say when," answered Nancy. "Perhaps the letter tells. Shall I get a light, mother?"

"Do, child," said Mrs. Moss, turning the letter from side to side, and examining it by the light of the fire.

People who have letters every day, often more than they want, have no respect for them; they tear them open rudely, and fare themselves into their contents without the slightest deference; but it is quite a different matter with those who only get one now and then. They never attempt to penetrate into the inside till they have familiarized themselves with the physiognomy of the stranger. With them wonder comes to take precedence of curiosity; and they can postpone their desire to learn the contents of a letter till they have made out the half-effaced post-mark, or deciphered the motto on the dab of sealing-wax.

When Elizabeth Moss had turned the letter from side to side a dozen times, and held it to the light in every possible position, she at length broke the seal, and began to decipher its contents, whilst Nancy looked over her shoulder in a state of eager excitement.

"Does uncle say he's coming, mother?" asked Bessy.

"Yes; the letter says he will be here to-morrow."

"And is sent coming, too?"

"He don't say," answered Mrs. Moss. But presently observing the letter T. O. at the bottom of the page, she turned the leaf and read the following postscript: "P. S.—My old woman says she must come along with me, so I suppose I must let her have her way."

"Oh, I am so glad!" cried Nancy, jumping for joy, "I don't you pity Bessy?"

"What should I be glad for?" said Bessy.

"Cause uncle and aunt's coming," answered Nancy.

"Fosh!" said Bessy.

"La, Bessy, you're so cross getting!—you've never glad at nothing!"

"I wish, mother, you'd send Nancy to bed.—I'm sure it's past nine."

"I don't go to bed for you!" said Nancy, for from pleased at the suggestion.

"Go into neighbor Wrightsave's a bit, Nancy, and see how she is. I heard she'd got the rheumatics," said Mrs. Moss.

"Very well. I know you want me to go away, that Bessy and you may talk secrets about—I know who!" said Nancy, ready enough to go, nevertheless.

"I wish aunt wasn't coming!" said Bessy. "I wouldn't have minded uncle, but aunt's so prying."

"It's my opinion, Bessy," said Mrs. Moss, "that my brother Philpots would be the best to advise us, and that we'd as good tell him all about it."

"Oh, mother! How can you say so!" cried Bessy. "I'm as certain as I'm sitting here, that if you do, he'll go and tell old Mr. Holloway."

"Well, let him!" answered her mother, "it's no more than the young scapegrace deserves."

"Very well, mother," said Bessy, fretfully; "I see you'll just be the ruin of us, you're so obstinate."

"I'm no such thing, Bessy," said Elizabeth, who was the most gentle and least obstinate of mortals; "and I'm sure if I only thought that he'd make it all right by-and-bye—"

"And don't he say he will, mother? and haven't I got his word of write upon it? What can he do more? His son's ill's just as binding as if he'd been to church with me."

"There's no saying," answered Mrs. Moss—"Some says a bit of paper's binding in law, and some says it isn't; but no doubt my brother Philpots could tell."

But poor Bessy would have preferred remaining in ignorance rather than apply to Uncle Philpots for information. She had not only her present shame to contend with, but she dreaded his reproof, and still more that of his wife; and she looked upon their visit as most unfortunate and ill-timed.

On the following morning she contrived to waylay Vincent, and make known to him the impending danger.

"How unlucky!" said he; "but can't you make your mother hold her tongue?"

"But even if I could it wouldn't be of no use, I'm afraid; for Aunt Philpots is such a forret, there's no hiding nothing from her."

It was a terrible crisis; for although Vincent had certainly gained some confidence, and in a slight degree emancipated himself, yet the idea of his right father's becoming acquainted with this unfortunate connection, and consequently with the extent to which he had been deceiving him for the last twelvemonth, filled him with terror. Then there were other considerations to vex him. He expected that his father, being a just and religious man, might pass sentence of death on his "making Bessy an honest woman" by marrying her; and Vincent did not want to marry Bessy. He wished her no ill, but he should have been very well content never to see her face again. The escape in which passion had enveloped her had disappeared, and he saw her as she was—an uneducated, ignorant peasant girl, who had been pretty from her youth and childhood, but whose beauty indications and maturity were beginning already to fade. He did not open do her justice; for she was in reality still pretty, and to many an eye would have been interesting; but poor Bessy had no more charms for Vincent Holloway. Added to all this, some new lights were beginning to dawn upon him—new ideas of life and the world. These events occurred at the period when all England was excited about Redcorn; and to the surprise of every body, old Jacob came out quite in a new character. He was found to have strong opinions on the subject, and, roused by the conflict, he not only attended several public meetings at Taunton himself, but he had taken his son with him, in order to add a unit to the party, and to indoctrinate the young man with right views. And Vincent was delighted; not that he cared much about the question they were agitating; indeed, to say the truth, he had rather observe notions on to the advantages that were to accrue to the King's lieges from the proposed alterations, but he positively understood the pleasure of finding himself, for the first time in his life, of some importance, as the only son of a man that formed a good many votes; he liked the bustle and the crowd, and the thronged streets, and the ribbons and banners, and processions and bands of music; and, above all, he was in a state of great excitement at the prospect of a ball which was to be given at the Castle Inn by the Reformers, and to which, most unexpectedly, Jacob, in the

THE MISFORTUNES OF A NEAR-SIGHTED MAN.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH.

Remember of amusing anecdotes from the shortest defect of near-sightedness being very plentiful in Madrid, I find it the easiest way only to be in selecting a few from amongst the many poor sights who are suffering from the infirmity; but upon due reflection, I think, perhaps, that the misadventures of my friend, Don Felipe R——— will be as entertaining as any that I could lay before my fair readers. Now, ladies, I hear it raised,

"Who is Don Felipe R———?"

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Contrary to his usual custom, on this evening Matilda's father had taken his hand to breathe the fresh air after supper; and there he lay, stretched in an easy-chair, on the balcony, next to her sanctuary. It was in vain that she begged him to retire but he should take cold. Our heroine's positive assertion received his seeing the old man; and with perfect accents he commenced a conversation with his beloved.

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"To me, papa? No; certainly not."

"Then to whom is your voice?"

"Listen to me, dearest," continued the lover.

"You see I had good reason to be angry; here is the note."

"Let me see it, this moment, you deceitful girl!" said the Colonel, jumping to "Away with you, and bring hither a light, in order that I may read it." He entered the room, scarcely at poor Matilda as he opened the note, and read as follows:—"Calmbleu, if, on the evening of the Municipium's ball, my indisposition cannot pass to occasion my absence——"

"Death and fury!—what do I see?—this letter is from my wife!"

"Alas, papa!——"

"Infamous wretch! at her age to make my own conquests began!"

"But, papa——"

"Begone, child! Let me pass, until I awaken her, and rouse the house."

He soon accomplished this; and the neighbors were lost in conjectures as to the probable cause of such a disturbance at so unusual an hour. This desperate state of affairs caused the greatest anxiety to the disappointed lover, who remained like a phantom below, listening to the sound of *gold pre pass*.

His open character, together with a delicate sense of honor, prevented Don Felipe from attributing this mistake to any long premeditated. Accordingly, he announced courage, and knocked at the door in a determined manner. The Colonel looked over the balcony.

"Caballero," said our friend, "as no good as to listen for a moment to an explanation of my conduct."

The old man seized his pistols, and, rushing down stairs, opened the door. "Do you listen to me?" said he, addressing our hero, at the same moment pointing the pistol at him.

"Calm yourself," replied Don Felipe, "and listen to me. My name is Don Felipe R———; my house and family are well known. An unfortunate series of mistakes has caused me to disturb the tranquility of your house, and I request permit these to remain longer unexplained."

Hereupon he commenced a faithful account of all that had happened, which was fully corroborated by both mother and daughter; and he then proceeded to calming the agitation of the jealous Colonel.

On the following morning Don Felipe was presented in due form by the Municipium; and when the old man was made acquainted with his rank and fortune, he had no opposition to offer to the match.

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For the benefit of such of my readers as may wish to know the subsequent history of the above parties, I must inform them that the marriage was celebrated very shortly after the above events had taken place; but truth obliges me to whisper, that when Don Felipe surveillant his fair partner, with the assistance of a pair of spectacles and a clear light, he discovered that her beauty was somewhat impaired by sundry small pox marks, and a few other slight defects. Her personal qualities, therefore, were then counterbalanced from spots on the sun; so that only one thing remained for Don Felipe to do to order to forget them, and that was—to take off his spectacles.

A CHEERFUL PRESENCE.—The following and beautiful passage occurs in one of Frederika Bremer's books: "There is much goodness in the world, although at a superficial glance it is disposed to doubt it. What is bad is natural abroad, is reduced back from side to side, and newspapers and the social circles find much to say about it; whilst what is good goes at last like sunshine quietly through the world."

Selected Articles.

THE EMPEROR ALEXANDER OF RUSSIA.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SOUAD.

The traits of Alexander are comprised in his infidelity to a beautiful, accomplished, and affectionate wife. He unquestionably loved her while wounding her delicate feelings by his criminal attachments to other women. After many years of mental pain, the injured Elizabeth gave him the choice of giving her up, or banishing on imperious mistress, by whom the Emperor had a numerous family.

Alexander could not resolve to separate for ever from his amiable and virtuous consort—he made the sacrifice she required of him.

His gallantry now placed him in unpleasant situations, and brought him in contact with persons immeasurably beneath him. He once fell in love with a tailor's wife at Warsaw, and not being well acquainted with the character of the pretty grisette, construed her acceptance of the visit he proposed making her, into acceptance of his suit. The fair Pole was too simple, and had been too virtuously brought up, to comprehend his intentions. Her husband was absent, so she thought it would not be proper to receive the Imperial visit alone; she made, therefore, a re-union of her own and her husband's relations—rich people of the bourgeoisie class—and when the Emperor entered her saloon, he found himself in company with thirty or forty persons, to whom he was immediately introduced by his fair and innocent hostess. The astonished sovereigns was obliged to make himself agreeable to the party, none of them appeared to have divined his criminal intentions. He made no further attempt to corrupt the innocence of this beautiful woman, whose simplicity formed the safeguard of her virtue.

A severe trial separated him for ever from his last mistress, who had borne him a daughter; the child was the idol of his heart, and to have her near was the pleasure of his life. At eighteen the young lady eclipsed every woman in his empire by her dazzling beauty and graceful manners. Suddenly she was seized with an intermittent fever, for which no physician in St. Petersburgh could find a remedy. Her mother, selfish and timid, deserted the sick chamber of the suffering girl, over whom the bitter tears of a father were vainly shed, while he kept incessant vigils over her when he would have saved from the power of the grave at the expense of his life and crown. The dying daughter asked incessantly for her mother, upon whom she was devoted to breathe her last sigh; but neither the pathetic intercession nor the commands of her Imperial lover could induce the unnatural parent to risk her health by granting the interview for which her poor child craved, and she expired in the arms of her father, without the consolation of bidding her mother a last adieu.

Some days after the death of his natural daughter, the Emperor Alexander entered the house of an English officer to whom he was much attached. He was in deep mourning and appeared very unhappy. "I have just followed to the grave," said he, "as a private person the remains of my poor child, and I cannot yet forgive the unnatural woman who deserted the death bed of her daughter. Besides, my sin, which I never repented of, has found me out, and the vengeance of God has fallen upon its fruits. Yes, I deserted the best and most amiable of wives, the object of my first affection, for women who neither possessed her beauty nor mind. I have profaned the temple of the Lord, and my punishment is the loss of my children, for whom who neither I love it raised.

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"Let me see it, this moment, you deceitful girl!" said the Colonel, jumping to "Away with you, and bring hither a light, in order that I may read it." He entered the room, scarcely at poor Matilda as he opened the note, and read as follows:—"Calmbleu, if, on the evening of the Municipium's ball, my indisposition cannot pass to occasion my absence——"

"Death and fury!—what do I see?—this letter is from my wife!"

"Alas, papa!——"

"Infamous wretch! at her age to make my own conquests began!"

"But, papa——"

"Begone, child! Let me pass, until I awaken her, and rouse the house."

He soon accomplished this; and the neighbors were lost in conjectures as to the probable cause of such a disturbance at so unusual an hour. This desperate state of affairs caused the greatest anxiety to the disappointed lover, who remained like a phantom below, listening to the sound of *gold pre pass*.

His open character, together with a delicate sense of honor, prevented Don Felipe from attributing this mistake to any long premeditated. Accordingly, he announced courage, and knocked at the door in a determined manner. The Colonel looked over the balcony.

"Caballero," said our friend, "as no good as to listen for a moment to an explanation of my conduct."

The old man seized his pistols, and, rushing down stairs, opened the door. "Do you listen to me?" said he, addressing our hero, at the same moment pointing the pistol at him.

"Calm yourself," replied Don Felipe, "and listen to me. My name is Don Felipe R———; my house and family are well known. An unfortunate series of mistakes has caused me to disturb the tranquility of your house, and I request permit these to remain longer unexplained."

Hereupon he commenced a faithful account of all that had happened, which was fully corroborated by both mother and daughter; and he then proceeded to calming the agitation of the jealous Colonel.

On the following morning Don Felipe was presented in due form by the Municipium; and when the old man was made acquainted with his rank and fortune, he had no opposition to offer to the match.

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For the benefit of such of my readers as may wish to know the subsequent history of the above parties, I must inform them that the marriage was celebrated very shortly after the above events had taken place; but truth obliges me to whisper, that when Don Felipe surveillant his fair partner, with the assistance of a pair of spectacles and a clear light, he discovered that her beauty was somewhat impaired by sundry small pox marks, and a few other slight defects. Her personal qualities, therefore, were then counterbalanced from spots on the sun; so that only one thing remained for Don Felipe to do to order to forget them, and that was—to take off his spectacles.

A CHEERFUL PRESENCE.—The following and beautiful passage occurs in one of Frederika Bremer's books: "There is much goodness in the world, although at a superficial glance it is disposed to doubt it. What is bad is natural abroad, is reduced back from side to side, and newspapers and the social circles find much to say about it; whilst what is good goes at last like sunshine quietly through the world."

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LOPEZ OCCUPIED—THE ENTIRE TOWN COMPLETELY BOOTED—PRISONERS TO BE SENT TO SPAIN—ENTHUSIASM OF THE CREOLES.

The Empire City brings full intelligence of the disastrous end of the late expedition against Cuba.

She left Havana on the 1st, and the following is the account of the events which had transpired. How different the terrible reality from the extravagant lies which have been published in the papers, and telegraphed all over the United States to lure the unsuspecting and thoughtless to their ruin.

However, for the last three days, our town a theatre of the most intense excitement. Early on Saturday, the 30th ultimo, the news reached Havana of the capture of General Lopez and his forces; and never was news received with more joy and enthusiasm. It was a day of jubilee and rejoicing! In the evening the public were illuminated in the city over. The next day (Sunday) was also a festive one. The most distinguished officials in authority in Cuba, were seen riding about, as many, in fancy, as they could, of the victory of the Spanish arms. Lopez and his forces, and the Spanish people. Even the Governor of the Island, Concha, was seen riding in his carriage, and the Queen was applauded. Of the Lopez party but little is known. The first officer of a Spanish war steamer who arrived at Havana, with the news of the capture of Lopez, was received with the greatest enthusiasm, Almansa, Pizarro, and Isabella Catholica all arrived, loaded with troops, the number of those conveyed with their own command and thirty more crowded with their force; the number landed was 540.

The prisoners taken with the Lopez party were the country people. The same spirit was shown by them as when the French invaded Spain—precisely the same feeling.

General Lopez was conveyed to the garrison of Morro, notwithstanding the enormous excitement created at New Orleans.

The people of the Island are aroused, and the same fate will be shared by further invaders who may appear.

It is not true that fresh reinforcements offered to the leaders of the fifty men who came over here on the 14th inst.

Lopez was surrounded by upwards of six thousand Spanish troops, and, after holding out for 10 days, was overpowered and obliged to take refuge in the woods of Arcadia, and finally betrayed by a Creole. D. all in your power to prevent other expeditions leaving the States, and to punish those who do so. Proclamation forthwith, and published to the world the masterly conduct of those brave workmen, the "Creoles," who, by their unaided energy and pluck, have saved the Island that handful of brave men to come on here, to their utmost total destruction. About 140 are left to be sent, probably for life, to the quicksilver mines in Spain.

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Ministry of the Lesser Republicans, by one of its Members.

His Excellency, the Captain General, has promulgated the following account of C. Francisco Alexander Lopez, one of those who completed the pastime of Kings:

In the Plaza of Havana, August 30, 1851, the Sec. Fiscal, accompanied by my secretary, proceeded to the Castle of the Prendas, where was seated D. Francisco Lopez, who, after having refused to testify to the truth on oath, was informed that the expedition of 500 men, under the direct command of the senator in the city of nueve mile (Nueva Gerona) in the island of Pinos (Isle of Youth), had landed at Cortez, in the province of Pinar del Rio, and that the captain having made his escape, leaving on board the vessel all the arms, which were discovered at Morillo, that the men all left the vessel in the river St. John, there to effect a junction with a force of cavalry which was waiting there, and that the men, after having landed, destroyed the vessel; but, having been pursued, retired to Key West for stores, Lopez remaining behind with Pinar del Rey, and almost all of the Creoles de Abajo had joined them, and that they, by a mistake of the pilot, had gone to the Isle of Youth instead of to somewhere in Vuelta de Abajo; that, by a mistake of the pilot, they had taken Isabel Maitanzas, and the capital of the province of Matanzas, and that the force was commanded by the Brigade Prisquierra; that the citizens received by the Brigade Prisquierra, Mr. Pizzo, Col. Crittenden, Gen. Lockridge, Mr. Pizzo, Col. Crittenden, Gen. Lockridge, Mr. Pizzo, Col. Crittenden, Gen. Lockridge

Selected Poetry.

A HOME PICTURE.

BY PERCIVAL H. GAGE.

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